

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Wednesday Morning, Jan 8, 1868.
TO ADVERTISERS.
Transit Advertisements must be paid for in advance to insure insertion.
TO AGENTS.
Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest rates, and no exception will be made in future to the rule.
NANAIMO AGENCY.
Mr H. W. Alexander is no longer authorized to act as agent of this paper at Nanaimo. Business at that place will in future be conducted by Mr S. D. L. V. I., who is alone empowered to receipt for subscriptions, &c.

NOTICE
From and after this date, Collections for Subscriptions to the DAILY BRITISH COLONIST will be made FORWORTHY.
The following proceedings were had in the United States Senate on the 9th of December:
On motion, Mr Ramsay submitted the following, which was ordered printed:
Resolved, That the committee on foreign relations be directed to enquire into the expediency of a treaty between the United States and the Dominion of Canada, which shall contain the following propositions:
1st. That a duty of five per cent. ad valorem shall be imposed on all importations from Canada, being the exclusive production or manufacture of Canada, to the United States, or from the United States to Canada, which shall be substituted for exacting tariffs of the representative countries.
2d. That the duties of the United States and Canada shall be assimilated by concurrent legislation.
3d. The navigation of the lakes, canals and channel of St. Lawrence shall be forever free to citizens of the United States and Canada.
4th. That Canadian vessels in American ports shall be entitled to all the privileges of American vessels in Canadian ports.
5th. That the fisheries of the Atlantic coast shall be free to the citizens of both countries.
6th. That the common system of laws regulating Copy Right, Patent Rights and Postage shall be extended over both countries.
7. That Canada will consent that Great Britain shall cede to the United States the districts of North America west of longitude 90 degrees, on condition, to wit:
1st. The United States will pay \$600,000 to the Hudson Bay Co., in full discharge of all claims to the territory, or the jurisdiction in North America, whether founded on the charter of the company, treaty, law or usage.
2d. The United States will assume the public debt of British Columbia, not exceeding \$2,000,000.
3d. The construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad to Puget Sound. The United States, in addition to the grant of land before made, will guarantee dividends of 5 per cent. on stock of said companies provided the amount of stock guaranteed as aforesaid, shall not exceed \$20,000 per mile.
4th. The Northwestern territory shall be divided and organized into territories of the United States not less than three in number, with all the rights and privileges of citizens and the government of Montana territory so far as can be made applicable.
Of the one hundred and forty odd members of the present American Congress, one at least of the number bids fair to immortalize himself and to hand his name down to posterity as a brilliant genius and statesman. That member is Mr Ramsay. Coming to Washington from the famous County of Pike, in Missouri, Ramsay would have served his term in Congress and gone back to his constituents without having created a sensation or caused the heart of a single constituent to throb at the mere mention of his name. Now, there will be no man in Washington so obscure as not to know Ramsay. His name will be in everybody's mouth, and his scheme form the subject of every conversation. The Secretary of State is "nowhere." He crowned his greatness by the purchase of an invoice of icebergs and savages at Sitka, and another of earthquakes and black vomit at St. Thomas. But Ramsay beats Mr Seward in the popular race "all hollow." He aims to bring down nobler game. Nothing short of British North America will satisfy Ramsay's cravings for "conquest by purchase"; and as an earnest of what he is prepared to do, he will kindly consent to take the best half of the Confederacy off its hands, and pave the way for the speedy admission of the Confederacy to the Republic. What he proposes to do after he has tucked the whole of British North America beneath the Union blanket, the resolution omits to state; but should he live long enough to see his aim accomplished, there will be nothing to prevent his buying Ireland from the mother country, and "righting her wrongs" in the same liberal spirit that Thad. Stevens proposes to reconstruct the South—i.e., by confiscating the lands and colonizing it with freedmen. Ramsay is a generous soul—most persons are when they are spending other persons' money. In return for relieving the Confederacy of British Columbia and the Northwest Territory, paying off the Hudson Bay Company's claims, assuming the public debt of this Colony and agreeing to reciprocal trade, he modestly asks for American citizens the free navigation of all the lakes, free access to the fisheries, the right to coast, as simulation of the excise duties, copy-right and patent laws, and postage system. Modest Mr Ramsay! Money is no object to him. Why, he talks as pleasantly of assuming two millions of the indebtedness of other countries, paying off gigantic claims, and guaranteeing five per cent. dividends on railroad stocks as if the paving stones of Washington city were made of gold, that the country did not owe a dollar,

and that General Butler remained at home doing penance for his many sins instead of travelling through the States delivering lectures to gaping and applauding multitudes in favor of paying off the public debt, principal and interest, in greenbacks, assigning as reasons for the proposition that the "country cannot afford to fulfil its contract to discharge it in gold, and that the bonds were only taken by the holders after the American Government had submitted to a heavy 'shave.' Perhaps Mr Ramsay is right and the Secretary of the Treasury (who fixes the National debt at nearly three billions) is wrong; but the prevailing impression here is that the States already owe more money than they will ever pay, and that should men of General Butler's or Thad. Stevens' way of thinking rule the country for a few months longer, the Government, in place of continuing to make investments in foreign lands, will be found in the market trying to dispose of portions of its own surplus tracts of real estate. It is high time that American politicians ceased meddling with the affairs of their neighbor and turned their attention to improving the political, social and physical condition of their own people—3,000,000 of whom, a telegram received a few days ago says, are starving at the South. Neither Great Britain nor the Confederacy want their greenbacks; and British Columbians are not "hankerin' arter" the "rights and privileges of citizens of Montana," which principally consist in carrying pistols and bowie-knives to protect their lives against the attacks of highwaymen and murderers, and forming Vigilance Committees to hang criminals whom the Courts will not convict, because their votes are required to keep the Judges on the Bench. No! British Columbians want no such "rights and privileges," and Brother Jonathan had better call on Mr Ramsay and his Pike County colleagues to turn their ideas (if they have any) in the direction of tranquilizing, protecting and rendering prosperous the people within the borders which they now possess instead of scheming to enlarge the area of taxation and easing the burthens they now find too heavy to bear by drawing into their meshes the lightly-taxed people of a neighboring Power.

A LADY'S ENDORSEMENT.
Madame E—, the acknowledged leader of the most refined and fashionable society in the city of New York, speaks of MURRAY & LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER in the following highly complimentary manner, viz: "It has a fragrance as fresh as the odor from blooming flowers, and imparts to the bath a delightful buoyancy. I use it on the toilet table and the handkerchief, to the exclusion of all other perfumes." Buyers should always ask for the Florida Water prepared by Lanman & Kemp, New York, 645.

Evidence from the Land of Gold!
"My scald head, or better, about which I wrote you before, is all gone. Five bottles of Bristol's Sarsaparilla cured me."—E. FORRESTER, San Jose.
"Your Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills have cured me of Salt Rheum that I had suffered with for seven years."—R. JOHNSON, Mariposa.
"I really believe that Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills have been the means of saving my life."
T. J. EDWARDS, Stockton.
HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Strong and Hearty.—Every wise man aims at attaining health at any price, but, unfortunately, rarely think about it till it is going or gone. Holloway's Pills now stand so very high in public estimation for purifying the blood and promoting the appetite and digestion, that it is unnecessary to do more than name them as the surest and safest means of retaining or regaining robust health and corresponding strength. They act as purifiers, tonics, alteratives, and aperients; and they exercise over every organ the most wholesome influence, by supplying it with the purest blood, and regulating the quality and quantity of every secretion. The most timid and delicate invalid will derive from Holloway's Pills vigour and comfort.

New Advertisements.
LEWIN & ANTHONY
IMPORTERS OF
Tobacco & Havana Cigars
HAVE RECEIVED BY LAST STEAMER
a large and well selected stock of
GENUINE HAVANA CIGARS, LEADING BRANDS,
AND
CHOICE TOBACCO,
Pipes, Playing Cards & Wax Matches,
which they offer at the lowest market rates in lots to suit intending purchasers.
Call and see LEWIN & ANTHONY,
Tobaccoists, nearly opposite the Bank of British North America.

MERCADO & REULLY, SAN FRANCISCO,
are Bottling some very superior
PORT WINE,
ANGELICA,
WHITE WINE, and
WINE BITTERS.
All Wines put up by them are guaranteed to be Wines of first quality. For sale by the trade in lots to suit.
Jas 1w

New Advertisements.
WEEKLY
BRITISH COLONIST,
NOW READY,
AND FOR SALE AT THE BOOK
STORES.
Jesse Cowper,
Fort Street.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
Boots & Shoes
LEATHER AND SHOE FINDINGS
Yates St., opp. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s.
At the Old Stand of Webster & Co.,
is prepared to supply the wants of the Public in his line.

THE LATEST STYLES
Received by every arrival from England and San Francisco
LANGLEY & Co.
HAVE RECEIVED,
EX "MERCARA,"
AN INVOICE OF
Combs, Brushes, &c.,
Direct from the old established Firm of G. B. KENT & Co., London;
AN INVOICE OF
EAU DE COLOGNE,
Direct from JOHANN MARIA FARINA,
Julich Platz, No. 4 (4).
Bully's & Rimmel's Toilet Vinegar;
Rowland's Macassar Oil;
Rondeletia;
Judson's Simple Dyes—any one can use them—anything can be dyed with them.
Keating's Cough Lozenges;
Rimmel's Lime Juice and Glycerine;
And an Assortment of the Purest Drugs and Chemicals. Jas 1m

Theatre Royal.
POSTPONED—The Performance advertised below is postponed for a few days in consequence of the inclemency of the weather. Due notice will be given.
FIRST DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE
OF THE
New Year '68.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1868,
Benefit of R. G. Marsh.
MR MUSGRAVE W. ANDERSON,
(Lately from Australia.)
Will appear as
CAPTAIN HAWKLEY
In the beautiful Comedy, by Tom Taylor, of
STILL WATERS RUN DEEP!
MR CHARLES CLARKE as John Midway.
Mrs Jenny Arnot Fowlis
Has kindly volunteered, and will appear as MISS STILDBLAY.
MISS LIZZIE VEDMAN as Mrs. Bernhold.
R. G. MARSH as Old Potter.
The Capital Farce of
State Secrets!
Will be added, with
MR ALEXANDER PHILLIPS
As GREGORY THIMBLEWELL, the Tailor of Tamworth.
Prices of Admission—Dress Circle and Parquette, \$1; seats secured on Monday, from 11 until 2 o'clock, free of extra charge; on Tuesday, during the same hours, \$1 25. Pit, 50 cents. Private Boxes—Lower, \$10; Upper, \$5.
Doors open at quarter-past 7; curtain will rise at 8 o'clock.
The Patronage of the Public is required.
See Programmes and Posters.
VIVAT REGINA. Jas 1

SOIREE.
A SOIREE IN CONNECTION WITH ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH will be held in the St. Nicholas Hall, on the evening of WEDNESDAY, 8th inst. Tickets can be had on application to the Managers of the Church.
The chair will be taken at 6:30 p.m. Jas 1d
Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Co.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of said Company will be held, in the City Council Chambers, corner of Broad and Trunco streets, in the City of Victoria, on Monday, the 13th day of January next, at the hour of 1 o'clock p.m.
Also, on the same day, and at the same place, will be held, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m., an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of said Company, for the purpose of passing a Special Resolution to Register the Company under "The Companies Act, 1862," pursuant to "The Companies Ordinance, 1862."
Also, there will be held at the same place, on Wednesday, the 15th day of January next, at the hour of 1 o'clock p.m., the General Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of said Company.
H. GASTON, Secretary. Jas 1w
Victoria, December 31, 1867.

THE CALIFORNIA, OREGON AND
Mexico Steamship Company's Steamer
California
CHAS. F. WINSTON, Commander.
Will sail for SAN FRANCISCO from Esquimalt on WEDNESDAY, the 8th inst.
Due notice of hour will be given.
For Freight or Passage apply to
W. C. WELCHER, Agent,
At Brodick's Wharf.
N.B.—Any passengers found on board after the steamer leaves the wharf, who have not tickets, will be landed on the coast.
RETURN OF THE OLD PIONEER TO TOWN!
Tom's Saloon
(LATE THE RAINBOW.)
Opposite the Bank of British North America.
YATES STREET, VICTORIA, V.I.,
Hot Lunch daily from 10 to 1 o'clock.
THOMAS J. BURNES, Proprietor.
Jas 1m2p
T. J. BAKER
ACCOUNTANT, DEBT COLLECTOR
and General Agent. Bankruptcies arranged under assignment; Merchants' and Tradesmen's Books kept monthly.
OFFICE—Captain J. Nagle's Barton Street, near Police Barracks. Private residence—Yates street, opposite Brodick's Hall. Jas 1m

New Advertisements.
VICTORIA HOUSE
Fort Street.
Now being received at the above Establishment,
Ex "BYZANTIUM"
"PRINCE OF WALES,"
FROM LONDON:
ABERDEEN LINSEYS;
LINSEY ROBES;
LINSEY TUNICS;
FRENCH MERINO ROBES;
Irish Poplins;
STRIPED HOPS;
FANCY SHIRTING;
Linsey Skirts;
Balmoral Skirts;
WOOL PLAIDS;
GENOA VELVETS;
Mauve Velvet;
BLACK SILKS;
COLORED SILKS;
Maire Antiques;
VELVET JACKETS;
VELVET MANTLES;
VELVETERN JACKETS;
Ladies' Rough Jackets;
CHILD'S "FANSLEY SHAWLS;
FICH CASHMERE do.;
WOOL SHAWLS;
ALPACCA SKIRTS;
SILK SKIRTS;
SATIN SKIRTS;
WOOL HOODS;
NUBIAS;
Infantees & Boots;
BREAKFAST SHAWLS;
WOOL BOAS;
INFANTS' CLOAKS;
INFANTS' ROBES;
INFANTS' HATS;
INFANTS' BONNETS;
Bassinettes;
Infants' Baskets;
COT QUILTS;
COT BLANKETS;
WELSH FLANNEL;
SAXONY FLANNEL;
ELECTORAL FLANNEL;
Anti-Rheumatic do.
Bath Coating (White);
SCARLET do.
BLUE SERGE
LADIES' UNDERCLOTHING;
CHILDREN'S do.
BABY LINEN;
Horrocks' Long Cloth;
FINLAY'S SHEETINGS;
PILLOW COTTON;
PILLOW LINEN;
LINEN SHEETING;
Hoyles' Prints;
ALPACCAS;
COBURGS;
Hosiery;
KID GLOVES;
CLOTH GLOVES;
CORSETS;
Knitting Yarn;
OIL SILK;
TABLE DAMASK;
DAMASK NAPKINS;
DAMASK CLOTHS;
IRISH LINEN;
DIAPERS;
OIL BAIZES;
Druggot Squares;
CRUMB CLOTHS;
WINDOW HOLLAND;
CHINTZES;
JEANETTES;
SILKSTAS;
ROLL LININGS;
Lama Braid;
ALPACCA BRAID;
FARMER'S BRAID;
TWEEDS;
MANTAR CLOTHS;
BLACK GRAPE;
MORRENS;
BED TICK;
COUNTERPANES;
Gimps and Buttons;
Hats and Bonnets;
Feathers, Flowers;
&c., &c., &c.

In consequence of the late arrival of the above Goods they will be sold at Reduced Rates to make room for other Large Shipments already on the way.
WM. DENNY
Manager.

New Advertisements.
Birmingham House,
WHOLESALE & RETAIL HARDWARE STORE,
Fort Street (opposite Broad Street).
The above Establishment was OPENED on MONDAY, 9th instant, with a Full and General Assortment of,
ENGLISH & AMERICAN HARDWARE
Just received per "MERCARA," from Liverpool, and ex late arrivals from San Francisco, comprising in part as follows:
Filters,
Sponge and Hip Baths,
Coal Vases, &c.
Nursery Fenders.
Fire Guards,
Enamelled Ware;
China Candlesticks,
Toilet Cans,
Skittles,
Lanterns of all kinds,
E. P. Gnet Frames,
E. P. Tea and Coffee Services,
E. P. Spoons and Forks,
E. P. Candlesticks,
Moderator Globes and Chimnies,
Coal Oil Lamps, &c.
Bar Tumblers,
Boilers, from 16 to 50 gallons,
Brushes and Brooms,
Cutlery.

And every description of Carpenter's and Builder's Hardware and Tools.
KENT & EVANS,
Managers.
BEST CLOTHING STORE
OPPOSITE POST OFFICE,
W. WILSON'S.
CLOTHING
—AND—
UNDERCLOTHING
BEST VALUE, BEST QUALITY,
LARGEST ASSORTMENT
RECEIVED LAST STEAMER.
Scotch House.

A. M'LEAN & CO.
GENERAL OUTFITTERS,
Beg to intimate that they have received
A very Choice Assortment of Goods for the Winter and Fall Trade, comprising:
Gentlemen's Clothing,
Underclothing,
Baltic and White Shirts,
Waterproof Coats,
Hats, Boots, &c., &c., &c.
ALSO—
BOYS' CLOTHING,
In Suits, Pants & Inverness Capes in great variety

NEW GOODS,
Ex "Byzantium" and "Prince of Wales."
FINDLAY & DURHAM
Are now landing from above vessels a large assortment of DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, &c., which they offer to the Trade at Reduced Rates, in consequence of their late arrival. They comprise in part as follows:

Shepherd's Check Crimean Shirts
Fancy Wave Flannel do do
Printed Flannel do do
Shetland Lamb's Wool Under Shirts
Shetland do Drawers
White do Under Shirts
White do Drawers
Striped do Under Shirts
do do Drawers
Fancy Striped Worsted Drawers
Grey Lamb's Wool, 3/4 Hose
White do 3/4 do
Fancy do 3/4 do
Flannel Knit Wool, 1/2 Hose
Strong Worsted, 1/2 Hose
Girls' and Women's Wool Hose
Boys' Wool and Worsted Socks
Woolen Comforters
Cardigan Jackets
Blue Pilot Pants
Heavy Tweed Pants
Heavy Witney Pants
Inverness Capes
Beaver Saco Coats
Witney Over Coats
Black Doeskin Trowsers
Black Cloth Coats and Vests
Grey Serge Over Shirts
Blue Guernsey Frocks
Heavy Buck Gloves
Heavy Buck Gauplets
Cloth and Ringwood Gloves
Balmoral Skirts
Aberdeen Linseys
White and Red Flannels
Red, Green and Yellow Baizes
Wool Shawls
White and Grey Calicoes
Fancy Printed Calicoes
Alpaccas and Coburgs
White and Brown Sheeting
Fingering Yarn
Quills and Counterpanes
Canton Flannel
Cotton and Linen Ticks
Striped Hosiery
Hats and Caps
Paper and Linen Collars
Stitching Thread—1/2 in. and 3/4 in.
Printed Cotton Shirts

And a Large Assortment of STAPLE and HABERDASHERY GOODS.
PARK HOTEL
BEACON HILL.
THIS WELL KNOWN AND POPULAR HOTEL IS NOW OPEN FOR THE Winter season.
Every Evening Parties will be given under the management of Madame Wolff.
WITH MANY YOUNG LADY ASSISTANTS.
Every Tuesday Evening a Ball will be given. Dancing to commence at 8 o'clock. Admission Free.
The Hotel is arranged for the accommodation of Dinners, Supper and Lunch Parties at all hours.
Jas 1w

Commercial House.

Great Clearing Out Sale of Dry Goods!

McCUTCHAN & CALLINGHAM

Begin to announce that, in consequence of one of the partners of the firm being obliged very shortly to leave the Colony for England, the whole of their LARGE AND VALUABLE STOCK OF DRY GOODS will be offered during the month of January AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

The Public may feel assured that the Goods will be offered to them at unprecedentedly Low Prices, as it is necessary that the entire stock be sold off within

THIRTY DAYS.

THE STOCK COMPRISES:

Silks.

Plain Glaces, in every shade and color
Moire Antiques, " " "
Irish Poplins, " " "
Silk and Patent Velvets " " "
Glaces, all widths

Dress Goods.

Merinos, Coburgs, Alpaccas
Delaines, Linseys, French Prints,
Muslins, &c., &c.

Furnishing Goods.

All-Wool Damasks
Muslin Curtains
Linen and Cotton Sheetings
Counterpanes, Table Covers

Furnishing Goods.

Horrockses' Long Cloths
Hearth Rugs, &c. &c.

Laces.

Real and Imitation Laces
Lace and Muslin Ball Dresses
Lace Hdkfs, Needlework Sets
Infants' Embroidered Robes and
Frocks
Blk Spanish Nets, &c., &c.

Shawls and Mantles.

Plaid and Fancy Woollen Shawls
French Broche " "
Cashmere and Lace " "
Rich Velvet and Silk Mantles

Shawls and Mantles.

Black and Colored Cloth "
Opera Cloaks, House Jackets
Infants' Cashmere Cloaks

Hosiery &c.

Women's and Children's—in Cotton,
Merino and Lambswool—a large
assortment
Ladies' Merino Vests
Breakfast Shawls, Hoods, &c.
Ladies' and Children's Corsets
Morning Wrappers, &c., &c.

Gloves.

Paris Kid, best quality
Cloth and Silk Gloves, all sizes
Blk Broad and Beaver Cloths de28

Christmas & New Year's

PRESENTS

W. J. JAMIESON,

Government street,

(ADJOINING COLONIAL HOTEL),

VICTORIA, V.I.

HAS RECEIVED

LARGE ADDITIONS

TO HIS STOCK OF

Watches

AND

JEWELRY,

SELECTED

EXPRESSLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Consisting of

Gold and Silver Watches;
Chains, Breastpins;
Earrings, Bracelets;
Buckles, Rings;

SILVERWARE.

Fish and Pie Slices;
Napkin Rings, Card Cases;
Child's sets of Knife, Fork and Spoon;
Cups;
Tea and Table Spoons and Forks, &c.
Silver Plated Tea and Coffee sets;
Castors, Cake Baskets;
Berry Dishes, Servers, &c.
Parlor and Mantle Clocks, in Bronze,
Gilt and Marble.

MUSICAL BOXES,

OPERA AND MARINE GLASSES,

And a Variety of

FANCY ARTICLES.

All of which are offered at

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

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Christmas Festive Season

Daniel Cleal

HAVING TAKEN THE PREMISES

adjoining his well-known Restaurant on

GOVERNMENT STREET,

(Tately occupied by Messrs Weller & Stemmler), and

in which he has fitted up one of the

Most Commodious and Elegant Bar-

Rooms in Victoria,

Respectfully informs his numerous friends and the public

that he has laid in an extensive stock of

Wines of the Finest Quality,
Liquors of the Best Brands,
And the Choicest of Ales,

which he will be happy to dispense for the creature comforts

of those who may favor him with a call.

OPEN ON TUESDAY,

CHRISTMAS EVE,

AT 6 O'CLOCK.

Dated 23d December, 1867.

P.S.—A LUNCH will be placed on the

Table this Christmas Eve, at 6 o'clock

P.M., and CONTINUED EVERY DAY

during the year, from 11 a.m. till 3

o'clock, p.m. de24

Provisions and Oilman's

Stores.

APPLES, dried; Arrowroot and Jordan Almonds

BUTTER, refined; selected

BARLEY, Kiln Dried Pearl; Robinson's Patent Groats

CURRIANTS; Chlorey, in this

CHERRY, Chlorey and National Mills Superfine

HAAS, English; Lard

LARD, Jellied; Jellies, in this and

MARSHALL, Volkman's Jams and Jellies in this and

OIL, Florence, in flasks

OATMEAL, Scotch, in casks and tins

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Alaska Correspondence.

SITKA, ALASKA TERRITORY, November 29th, 1867.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—As we are isolated and removed far away from all telegraphic communication with the entire world, your readers will not expect to hear much in the way of news from this land of Alaska. For the last six days we have had fine weather, while the three preceding weeks we had nothing but rain, hail and snow all the time.

THE CLIMATE.

In this part of Alaska, which is known as SITKA, the weather is not to say cold, and if it were not for the rain you could get along all the year without wearing an overcoat. It rains on an average from three and a half to five and a half days in the week. It also blows very hard in the harbor when we have easterly winds; and, as your readers are already aware, Sitka, or what was known heretofore as New Archangel, is situated right in the centre of a large bay, and is almost surrounded by water.

FLAG PRESENTATION.

From the time the John L. Stephens left we had no amusement, or excitement, in fact nothing which was calculated to disturb the monotony of a dreary life, until the 10th of November. It being St. Michael's day and the birthday of the old Indian chief, General Jefferson C. Davis concluded to present an American flag to the old chief, so that he might hoist it in place of the Russian flag which he had floated for sixty five years. As it was also the old fellow's hundredth birthday, General Davis thought it a suitable occasion to compliment the venerable chief by calling on him in person, and, as the day was delightful, all the principal citizens of Sitka had invitations to accompany General Davis and staff. So, forming at two o'clock, p. m., the procession took up its line of march for the Indian village. Arriving at the chief's tent, we were surprised to find about 150 Indians drawn up in line, each holding a long rod tipped with green, emblematic of friendship. On entering the tent, we found the old chief seated on a chair, and a more sedate or consequential looking man I never saw. His table was loaded and tastefully arranged with several dishes such as are most fashionable with the Russian people. The old chief got up to receive General Davis and the flag was presented by the General, who made the following speech:

"VENERABLE SIR:—In your presence are a large number of ladies, officers and American citizens who come here to pay you their respects on this your birthday. I have the pleasure of taking this occasion to present you with one of the most valued emblems known to the lovers of freedom everywhere and idolized by all true Americans. This is the star spangled banner, or the flag of America. The Great Father in Washington, respects all good Indians, while he, through the army and navy, punishes all bad ones. The Great Father in Washington will protect and defend the Indians in Alaska so long as they remain good and respect this flag, but if they show any disposition to act badly towards any white man or woman, then the Indians must and will be punished." As you are the great chief in this country of the Indians, and as you are now about one hundred years of age, I came to pay you this visit. Accept, then, this flag and my kind and favorable considerations."

The old chief replied as follows: "The words of man are like the winds, which pass away like vapor; but the words of a chief, when given, should be equal to his actions."

All who could get into the chief's house were invited to partake of his hospitality. As he had been supplied with a choice quantity of food, cooked in a way to tempt the taste of the most fastidious epicure; and as nearly all respectfully declined the invitation, they left and found the American flag floating in the breeze over the village. The flag was greeted by three hearty cheers, after which the procession returned to the house of Gen. N. J. T. Dana, who had a sumptuous repast prepared for all.

FIRST ELECTION IN SITKA.

Feeling deeply the want and necessity for some kind of Civil Government in Sitka, the citizens got together, and after one or two meetings adopted a City Charter, held an election and chose a Mayor and Common Council. Hon. W. S. Dodge was elected as Mayor, and General N. J. T. Dana, Samuel Storor, C. B. Montague, Thos. Whaley and J. Langebil were elected members of the Town Council. The citizens before going into the election of course consulted General Davis, who gave them his approval of a Civil Government, knowing that it is impossible for Americans to live under military rule. We will now have a chance to make laws that will be for the benefit of all, while before we had neither law nor justice, so to speak. We hope that Congress will have no time in framing an organic act and giving us a Territorial Government. For this boon we will ever pray.

IMPROVEMENTS.

There are many improvements already made here under the direction of General Davis, who is leaving nothing undone that is in the power of man to do. Streets are being made, sidewalks built up, a light erected, streets laid out, and, in a word, this town looks much better than it did on the 10th day of October, when we first landed. I regret to say, however, that it is not in my power to give any encouragement to anybody coming here, at least until some mines are struck, which I don't believe will ever happen, Alaska being, in my opinion, no mineral country.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

The 28th of November being Thanksgiving Day, was observed by the military, but we had no spirit or encouragement to celebrate, for we could get no turkeys; and here let me also state, such a thing as fresh meat of any kind cannot be had. We sometimes get a few deer, but the principal food is bacon, pork and ducks; but if I dwell on this subject of fresh meat longer I will get hungry, so I will only state that a butcher who could open a meat market here would live if he could keep a fresh supply.

BARNEY O'RAGAN.

Street Traffic in London.

Last session of Parliament passed an Act for the regulation of the traffic in London, which is just coming into operation, and one of its effects is to deprive 50,000 persons, or including their families, 200,000 persons, of their livelihood. These are the street-traders, who have their stands on the edge of the side walks, or who sell from barrows by the curbstone. They deal in fish, vegetables, fruit, nuts, cheap crockery, toys, almost everything except staple dry goods and groceries, selling to the poorer classes. To suddenly break up their business must produce great misery, and throw thousands upon the rates. Meetings have been held, and the Home Secretary appealed to; but the remedy is to build more markets. No city in the world is so badly provided. There is not one good market in this metropolis of three millions. One is now building at Smithfield. The best are crowded and shabby. Most are mere collections of narrow streets and hovels, and the most abominable nuisances. Now, before Parliament passed a law to sweep 50,000 traders out of the streets, it should have provided room for them elsewhere. If London had proper markets, street trading would be unnecessary. A Royal Commission to examine the matter and take testimony of leading costermongers would have been the proper course of proceeding.

Spurgeon on Headwork.

Mr. Spurgeon, who is now once more sufficiently well to preach, has put forth a manifesto in his magazine called the *Sword and Trowel*, in which he says: "I have spent two months in ill-health, and much of the time in severe pain, but by the good hand of God upon me, I am now much better, and hope to resume my home work very speedily. I have resolved, for 12 months at least, to refuse almost all work away from home, and I now earnestly beg friends not to disturb me with importunate requests to preach here, there, and everywhere. For years I have preached from eight to ten times a week, besides issuing the weekly sermon, editing the magazine, overseeing the church, superintending the college, directing the orphanage, founding new churches, attending committees, and a thousand other things; but many signs indicate that there must be a pause. I am not less willing, but I am far less able than I was, to serve the church by preaching."

A CHAP. inquired at the Postoffice in Erie, recently, for a letter for "Eury Horden." He was told there was none. "Look ere," he replied, a little angrily, "you've hexamined a hodd letter for my name. It don't commence with a haitel. It begins with a ho. Look in the ole that's got the ho's."

The *Saturday Review* tells a story of an English clergyman who, misled by the prevalent printing of certain Scriptural words in Italian, read in a sonorous voice, with undue emphasis, "And he spoke to his sons, saying, 'Saddle me the ass.' And they saddled him."

Heywood's New Sugar-Cured Hams and Breakfast Bacon.

HEYWOOD'S PORK SAUSAGE. ELIXIR OF LIFE—Mr Heywood, of the Yorkshire Market, has commenced for the season to make his celebrated Pork Sausage, manufactured from the very best of Island fed Pork—clean and pure as the snow that fell on Diana's lap—Oh get out! Everybody buys them, because they are good. Now mind, be sure and make no mistake; it is in the fire-proof Brick Store, next door to the Old Original Coffee Stand.

WE MAY BE HAPPY YET.—Those amongst us who are philosophers enough to think so, and imagine that they see the hopeful cloud "about the size of a man's hand," hovering over us, will certainly be confirmed in their belief if they step into T. N. Hibben & Co's bookstore and see the variety of attractive, useful and handsome souvenirs in anticipation of the coming Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

AUSTRALIAN HOTEL AND WATER CURE ESTABLISHMENT.—Mr Seeley has furnished rooms with single and double beds and parlors, for the accommodation of Families and Invalids, with or without board, who may enjoy the benefits of the Sea Water Baths connected with the establishment. Hot Cold or Tepid Sulphur Baths. 1m

FRED PAYNE has removed his Cheap Shaving Shop to the opposite side of Johnson street, just above the Miner's Saloon. *

Legal Notices.

TO ALL WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN, take notice that I have revoked all Powers of Attorney made by me previous to this date; especially any I have given to PARIS CARTER. December 27, 1867. REBECCA BRADFORD.

NOTICE

In the Estate of Holder & Hart. A DIVIDEND IN THE ABOVE ESTATE is payable at the Office of J. R. Stewart, Esq., Wharf street, on and after Thursday, January 2, 1868. J. R. STEWART, Assignee. Victoria, January 2, 1868.

Estate of Fisk & Greedebaum. A DIVIDEND IN THIS ESTATE WILL be paid on proved claims, at the office of the undersigned, 30 Government street, on and after this day. Victoria, V.I., 31st December, 1867. F. WEISSBURGER, Assignee.

Estate of L. L. Hoteller. A DIVIDEND IN THIS ESTATE WILL be paid on proved claims, at the office of the undersigned, 30 Government street, on and after this day. Victoria, V.I., 31st December, 1867. F. WEISSBURGER, Assignee.

McCUTCHAN & CALINGHAM HAVE to request that all persons indebted to them will settle their accounts with the undersigned, before existing outstanding after that date will be paid in the hands of a Solicitor for immediate collection. McC. & C. have also to request that all claims against the firm be presented to them within one month from date. Dec. 28, 1867. de28

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE late firm of Harris & Murray are requested to make payment of the amount of their debts to the undersigned, who is alone authorized to receive the same without any interference from his late partner, Mr. Thomas Harris. JOHN MURRAY, Union Market, corner Port and Douglas streets; City Market, Store street, Victoria. Dec. 27, 1867. de28

PUBLIC NOTICE. HEREBY NOTIFY THE PUBLIC that under the provisions of Indenture of Partnership between the late firm of Harris & Murray, and myself, existing between Mr. Thomas Harris and myself, under the style of Harris & Murray, as Butchers and General Dealers, in Port Street, Government Street and Store street, Victoria, dissolved accordingly, and the same has been dissolved accordingly, and I also give notice that the said Thomas Harris has no authority to receive payment or release any of the debts due to the late partnership. JOHN MURRAY, Union Market, corner Port and Douglas streets; City Market, Store street, Victoria. Dec. 27, 1867. de28

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CIVIL JUSTICE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. IN BANKRUPTCY. Re CHARLES WENTWORTH WALLACE, a Bankrupt. WHEREAS THE COURT AUTHORIZED to act in the prosecution of a petition for adjudication of bankruptcy, filed on the 29th day of October, against Charles Wentworth Wallace, a trader, in the said Bankruptcy, appointed a public sitting under such petition, to be held before the Honorable Matthew W. Ballie Esq., and of our Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia, sitting in Bankruptcy, on the 14th day of January next, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon precisely, at the Court House, New Westminster, for the purpose of the said Bankruptcy, and of the said Wallace's conformity to the laws now in force concerning Bankruptcy, according to the form and subject to the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act, 1867, and of the said Wallace's conformity to the laws now in force concerning Bankruptcy, according to the form and subject to the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act, 1867. This is to give notice that such Court will sit at the time and place above mentioned, for the purpose aforesaid, when and where any creditors of the said bankrupt, who shall have given due notice of their intention to oppose, may be heard against the allowance of such certificate, and the same will be allowed, unless cause be then and there shown to the contrary, and such order will be made thereon as the justice of the case may require. CHAS. E. POOLLEY, Official Assignee. Victoria, V. I., B. C. Dec. 23, 1867. de24

WHEREAS A PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF BANKRUPTCY, bearing date the 12th day of December, A.D. 1867, hath been filed and read and allowed, and Charles Edward Pooley, Esq., dealer and chapman, and having been declared a Bankrupt, is required to surrender himself to the Hon. Matthew Ballie Esq., one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, at the Court House, in the City of New Westminster, on the 14th day of January next, at five o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House, New Westminster, and make a full discovery and disclosure of his estate and assets, and of the nature and extent of his liabilities, and of the nature and extent of his debts, and of the nature and extent of his property, and of the nature and extent of his business, and of the nature and extent of his affairs, and of the nature and extent of his concerns, and of the nature and extent of his interests, and of the nature and extent of his rights, and of the nature and extent of his obligations, and of the nature and extent of his duties, and of the nature and extent of his responsibilities, and of the nature and extent of his liabilities, and of the nature and extent of his debts, and of the nature and extent of his property, and of the nature and extent of his business, and of the 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